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SUBJECT:PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. PRESIDENT DESIRES SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS REPRESENTED AT SEPTEMBER 7,1977 PANAMA TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY, AND TO OTHER CANAL-USER COUNTRIES THAT SENT MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION AT THAT TIME. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION PLEASE DELIVER TO PRIME MINISTER SOARES AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: WITH APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE OF THE TWO PANAMA CANAL TREATIES OF 1977, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN NOW INITIATE A NEW COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN OPERATING AND PROTECTING THE CANAL AS THE TREATIES PROVIDE.

3. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AS WE
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HAVE MOVED TOWARD THIS HAPPY RESULT. IT HAS CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY TO THE SOLUTION OF A DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM, TO IMPROVED WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONS, TO THE FACILITATION OF WORLD COMMERCE, AND THUS TO WORLD PEACE.
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER UNQUOTE

NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE IF PORTUGUESE DESIRE. VANCE

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